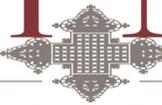


**ST MARK**  
THE  EVANGELIST  
CATHOLIC CHURCH



**65 West 138th Street, New York, NY 10037**

*6<sup>th</sup> Sunday*  
IN ORDINARY TIME



A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." - Mk 1:40-41

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St. Mark Evangelist Church is one of the Archdiocese of NY parishes in the Central Harlem Deanery

**MISSION STATEMENT:**

**We are more than Sunday Morning.**

**We are worship, service, and fellowship.**

**We are a community of Faith.**

**All are Welcome**

**MASS SCHEDULE:**

**Saturday - 5:00 PM**

**Sunday - 10:00AM**

1:00PM (French)

**Tue - Fri - 10:00AM**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

**Every Friday from 10AM - 1:30PM**

Confessions - Saturdays at 4PM any other day by appointment

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**Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time**  
**February 14, 2021**

## *“We are more than Sunday Morning”*

### **PRAYER CORNER**

Please remember in your prayers: Gloria Palmer, Doris Moss, Henry Isom, Eleanor Jefferson, Ishmael Jackson, Willa Mae Washington, Tyrone Randell, Elizabeth Young, Tracey Bultron-Lewis, Walter Thompson, Rivanna Johnson, Dorothy Allen, Kenny Love, Birdell Cotton, Muriel William, Shirley Cuevas, Debra Woodland-Lee, Lottie Culpepper, Violet Stephenson, Louise Owens, Louisa John, Maria Torre, Shirley Cuevas, Barbara Finch, Mary Purcell, Suzon Loreto, Ella O. Smith, Barbara Boggs, Margie Deal, Russell Payne, Nikki Parris, Belen Vales, Leon Thompson, Constance Benson, Theresa Tate, Dorothy M. White, Nancy Villar, Ms. Ella O' Smith, Joan Alexander.

*If your name or the name of a loved one has been omitted or needs to be added to the prayer corner, please call the office to be placed on the list for another month. Thank you for your understanding.*

### **MASS INTENTION**

**Sunday February 14, 2021**

**10:00AM** -Birthday Blessings to **William Treminio** requested by Martha Treminio

- In Loving Memory of **Wilson Diaz Guzman** requested by Maria Jerez



### **February Birthdays :**

03 - Kiswendsida Tiendrebeogo	14 - Vanessa Efoe
04 - Tatiana Ouedraogo	14 - Michelle Michael
06 - James Carr	15 - Aicilia B. Spann
07 - Clarence E. Benion	16 - Mamounata Ouedraogo
10 - Etta Perdue	18 - Louuisa John
11 - Flavien Amangoua	21- Kathie Ninahuanca
11 - Albert Lockett	22 - Honorine Kambou
11- Lourdes Rodriguez	25 - Shirley Stephens
12 - Lillian A. Carr	26 - Gwladys Digbeu
12 - Gregory Middleton	

# Happy Birthday!

***To Parishioners & Friends of St. Mark,***

*We continue to express our gratitude to all of you for your financial support to our church family.*

*Please continue to support your parish.*

*May God be always with you and grant you peace.*

*Your Church Family!*

**Bible Study**  
**Every Wednesday**  
**From 11PM – 12PM**

**ADORATION EVERY FRIDAY**  
**10:00AM - 1:30PM**

**Please notify the office on the illness or the death of a loved one. Father Jean - Pierre and the St. Mark Family want to support you and your family during your time of need.**

**Sacrament of Confession -**

Saturdays at 4pm , any other day, call the office at 212-281-4931 to make an appointment. You may also contact the office if you need information concerning any other sacraments and Mass Cards.

## PASTORAL STAFF

*Parish staffed by the Congregation of the Holy Spirit (Spiritans).*

Fr. Jean-Pierre Kapumet Tambwe, CSSp:  
**Administrator**

**Parish Council**  
Dorothy McWhite - Chairperson

**Finance Committee**  
Avis Thomas – Chairperson  
Barbara Boggs - Vice - Chairperson  
Molly Goodrich - Secretary

**Outreach Ministry:** Joella Nipper  
**Trustees:**  
Annette Charles & Laurence Hyacinthe

## Reflection for the Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time – February 14, 2021

Today, we celebrate the 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time. In today's gospel, Jesus is approached by a Leper who asked him for healing. He says, "Lord you can heal me if you wish." At the heart of this gospel, Jesus' healing and reaching out to the Lepers shows his deep compassion and love for those who must live on the fringes of our society. Jesus realized that living on the fringes of society is not where God is calling his faithful. Especially during this time of the pandemic, any of us can be seen as a leper. As we acknowledge our need for healing, we discover that Jesus is right here in our midst awaiting us. Our cross, our sin, our shame must not stop us from approaching the compassion of God found in Jesus. At some point in our lives, we realize that we are bigger than our past and more than our present circumstances. God wants to make us whole again. All we have to do is say that we are ready to receive healing.

The scripture passage does not give us any details about this leper. It says nothing about his family or even how long he has been suffering. The leper may have expected that Jesus would not help him. However, from this passage, we can see that this leper was "tired of being tired" and sought Jesus as his only hope. From this encounter, the Leper discover the real Jesus who has saved him. Imagine how many others have walked past this leper. Image how many people judged this person without ever having to walk in his shoes. Jesus' encouragement to the leper was to come back to the community and follow the commandments and you will be alright.

There is a song that says, "Pass me not O blessed Savior! Hear my humble cry. While on others Thou art calling does not pass me by." The essence of these words speaks to our acknowledgment that God wants to heal and as we reach out to God, healing comes to us. Amen. Lord, I need you! O I need you! Every hour I need you

Who are the lepers of our day? How do we respond to them in their need? When Jesus healed the leper, he told the leper not to tell anyone about who healed you. Jesus wanted this healing to be about the leper and not about him. How many times, people are willing to help but they want to get the credit. Jesus wants to give the credit to the Leper who reached out to him. In this way, God's saving power is active and alive in those who truly seek healing.

This gospel passage acknowledges how the saving act of Jesus comes to us at our deepest moment of need and speaks peace into every situation of our lives. Do not be afraid for Jesus comes to seek the lost and bring us back into the family of faith with a love that does not count the cost. He will never abandon us but call us into his light. Are you ready to be healed? Your light has come. The psalmist reminds us to "turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill us with the joy of salvation."

Let us remember our loved ones living and deceased, through a mass intention. It is a beautiful way to remember and honor them. You can have an intention said any day of the week. If you would like to schedule a mass intention, please visit or call the office.

**Wednesday, February 17**  
**(ASH WEDNESDAY)**

MASSES WILL BE  
**10AM AND 6PM**

**ASHES will be distributed during**  
**MASS ONLY**



### **Question of the Week**

*What strained bond can I help heal this week? What barrier can I break down?*



## *This Week In Catholic & African - American History*

**Sunday February 14: - World Marriage Day  
-Valentine's Day**

**Monday February 15:- Presidents' Day**  
- New Jersey became the last northern state to abolish Slavery - 1804

**Wednesday February 17: - Ash Wednesday**  
- Michael Jordan, basketball legend, b. 1963 Brooklyn, NY

**Thursday February 18:-** Quakers filed formal protest against slavery -1688  
- Shani Davis, 1st African-American to win an Individual gold medal ( long track speed skating ) at the Winter Olympics -2006 Turin, Italy

**Friday February 19: - W.E.B. Du Bois organized the first Pan-African Congress in Paris, France -1919**